

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 9, please delete paragraph 5 starting with “Figure 9 is a block schematic” which starts at line 9.

Page 9, please replace paragraphs 6-7 (lines 11-14) with the following amended paragraphs:

Figure ~~10~~ 9 depicts a very simple communications network employing wavelength division multiplexing; and

Figure ~~11~~ 10 illustrates the allocation of connections by the network management system ~~of Figure 9~~ to the very simple network of Figure ~~10~~ 9.